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DEVOTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND MYSTICAL ENLIGHTENMENT OF MAN

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THE QUEST FOR TRUTH

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The purpose of mankind on this planet is to reach perfection, find real harmony between all creatures and to overcome all pain and suffering.

This is the ideal put forth by all the great teachers who have left evidence of the truth of what they discovered through hard work. They have also made it evident that mankind can accomplish these things and can reach a point of freedom from all unpleasant circumstances. These teachings are based upon the real facts about how the Universe functions and how man can function in harmony with It.

As long as we rely on our own concepts of the nature of the Universe and act according to our own opinions and refuse to listen to the voice of experience we will not reach a true fulfilment in this life-time.

Many people do not like facing the truth, preferring to remain in ignorance - in this state they seem afraid to shoulder any responsibility for their own troubles and close their eyes to contributing to the well-being of the community and very often accept pain and suffering as the facts of life.

The truly sincere and honest students of life work hard to consolidate such qualities as honesty and sincerity into their life. Many basic teachings say that there are twelve such qualities to integrate into one pure quality - the disciple does not reach mastership until this has been achieved. When all the qualities are known to be the One Quality then human perfection is reached and the disciple finds peace and harmony in the capacity to show forth the sublime quality of Compassion.

It is no use a disciple praying for certain qualities or gifts because we cannot gain something for nothing - that is the Law. We cannot give what we do not possess so one can see that we cannot HAVE Love or Wisdom unless we exercise these qualities to others. It is only in doing or applying the quality we desire that we can know It.

In very truth we do not possess or own anything, we are merely vehicles through which the human phase of Divinity consummates Itself. To understand this correctly we need to be really humble - not in a grovelling sense - to the greater Denominator in Life, for in living in tune with It we learn how It works and how we can benefit from that which It will convey in our direction by our co-operation.

There are many immature ideas accepted today by those professing to be leaders and teachers in various "New Age" and "Esoteric" orders and schools.

In many cases these people have set themselves up from the mere reading of books and are not aware of the real initiatic problems or disciplines required.

Whilst we are not under-rating the value of the human phase of mind we should come to learn that this is an instrument and operates at the "effect" end of the Cosmic Mind. The problem is that we units at this end of Cosmic function fall into the trap of believing that everything we see and experience is REAL and, having the capacity for choice, erect most of our hypotheses on this basis when in fact we should be looking for real causes and not "causes" observed at the "effect" side of Cosmic manifestation. This situation has been referred to as the "illusion" by the great teachers and it is in this problem wherein all our troubles lie. However, it IS possible - by following the right discipline - to overcome these difficulties and arrive at a state of harmony and live life as a balanced and orderly experience.

As it is our task to point out the barriers to enlightenment one might ask, "Why don't you give us the teaching Itself?" The situation, from our long experience, is that because the Reality exists, by removing our mental barriers the Truth will reveal Itself: if we try to say 'how it is' before the student is ready they will by their misunderstanding create further barriers which will have to be broken down. Another illusion which should be avoided is to get hooked upon the 'fancy illusion' of believing ones-self to be a particular reincarnated soul. Misunderstanding the teaching on Reincarnation leads the weak ones to strut around believing themselves to be Merlin, Jesus, Joseph and the like. The fallacy of these ideas leads to such situations as pointed out by a friend who knows "six Merlins in Glastonbury". The very tragedy of this situation reveals that these poor students do not belong to a proper initiating school because they would be protected from making open fools of themselves.

In our Inner School we do not receive a group to whom we deliver lectures or talk down to students. We take persons on an individual basis so that the barriers can be dealt with directly, discussed and shown up to the disciple who then has to deal personally with them and overcome them in order to gain first hand experience of what Life is REALLY about as opposed to what many people assess it to be.

We each need to grow into mature, responsible people aware of the pitfalls of believing in illusions.

We need to learn to become free and reliant on our own inherent Divine Nature then no longer will we need to indulge in magical practices, religious rituals, talisman hunting, fore-telling futures - these are all the toys of the beginners, the children who later have to learn to grow up. As we free ourselves from the illusory conceptions they no longer have any power over us - nor will you be affected by misguided persons trying to harm you by them.

To doubt one's capacity to become a free happy individual has to be overcome. The philosophies of the community in general - the media, the schools, religions and politics - seem to act against the real well-being of people because these philosophies place us into set patterns and limitations, to step out of line with popular ideas one becomes 'radical' or a 'heretic'. To dare to be free, to be a responsible, balanced and intelligent person and to understand what life is really about results in the healing and balancing energies of nature taking a hand in one's life.

Nature 'rejoices' in at last having a person open to natural Cosmic Laws and one makes big strides in individual evolution to maturity. One then comes to be a co-worker with Nature and Cosmic Hierarchy and one comes into genuine knowledge in harmony with the fact of becoming a 'genuine' person and one freed from the delusions of a self-centred approach to life. The old saying the "Truth will make you free" becomes a real experience.

What modern thinkers are saying:

"But we need not maintain that life has nothing better to offer than tests and trials. On a personal and worldly level one may experience all kinds of difficulties and conflicts, but on a higher mind level we always find harmony and tranquility where all is well."

Johan Quanjer - Editor of New Humanity

"The mind is all the time in movement, chasing desires. The nature of the desire is such that it is deceptive because it operates on the mind unconsciously and modifies itself by the association of other desires and thus we are unable to check them then and there. It seems that the human mind is a field for exploring various urges and contradictory instincts. The Esoteric philosophy emphasises the urgent necessity of observing the subtle activities of the mind with alertness, so that we can establish a vital link with the Supreme Power of Reality."

Dr K M P Mohammed Cassim PhD
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THE QUEST FOR TRUTH (2)

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In our search for Truth throughout our life we appear to seek in accordance with our needs at a particular time. For example - if we get certain illnesses we explore the possibility of a healing through "spiritual" or "natural" means. In the main these explorations denote a feeling of lack at the time - a lack of fulfilment or a sense of isolation from the Cosmic Parent.

These periods are really valuable to us if we are honest enough to admit our weaknesses. We may find healing which give us an added assurance that we are seeking in the right direction.

Then we explore such teachings as Mystical Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Freemasonry and Rose Cross. All these add precious pearls to our spiritual gems which help us to realise that, at the end of it all, all Truth is ONE. A little truth seems to be spread here and a little there: no one organisation possesses the whole Truth in spite of their claims.

Also, there are many "way out" teachings which, if not checked, can lead one into many illusions of Truth and one can find one's self trapped once again in a prison of misconceptions. Here we are referring to such practices as Kundalini Yoga and any system where the Chakra or Spiritual Centres are concerned. Dabbling in these systems one can end up in dire circumstances and eventually to spiritual blindness. To believe that certain centres have to be opened or that one can send out "spiritual" forces or energies through these centres is a trap of the human phase of mind in believing that the person can control spiritual forces. This is a dangerous practice and to mix these practices up with set religious dogmas not based upon truth is an error indeed.

In very truth the human organism is perfectly designed from the beginning. If one's centres were not already in a functional process then any pursuit of spiritual truths would be impossible. At the NORMAL level everything within the perfectly designed human temple is continually operative otherwise we could not be mature and fully integrated individuals. What we need to do is to follow the inner discipline of correcting our faulty vision of Truth and to follow the life of Right Living, Right Thinking and Right Acting. These are all possible if we spend time in learning the Cosmic Laws.

We should ask ourselves: Can a human being increase or decrease the Fulness of the All Present Divine Love? Can I add to or take away from the Perfect and Whole Divine Presence? Of course we cannot. To believe that we can influence the All Powerful "God" to be more present or to do more in our direction is the belief of the immature. All we need to do is to cast aside our own illusions and we begin to see that the Fulness is right where we are. Divine Love is always in control, always accessible, always there as soon as we open our hearts to it and recognise the All-Present, Perfectly Operating Divine Presence which cannot possibly fail or be absent from any part of Its Universe. Because of our seeming frailties we erect all kinds of opinions, ideas and inventions from how life seems to affect us as individuals. But fortunately enough they are only illusions and their effects pass away when we are able to face up to them and see the unrealities.

Usually we limit ourselves because of an image we set up for ourself. We see ourself as this kind of person or that kind of person. We get worried and go off to the astrologer or clairvoyant to find out if there are any more "mysteries" about ourselves to learn. Unfortunately we get carried away by the 'false vestiges of truth' pointing towards us and we find our self shackled by energies and powers which we are told are our destiny or fate. We then acquire a very set image of ourself and become the victim of our own image-making. We get hooked on the ideas of self erected barriers, limitations and other so-called forces working for or against us.

The person on the real Initiatic Path however refuses to accept all this mortal 'rubbish' - for rubbish it is in effect that has eventually to be worked through. The Perfect Person is the one who is a free, fully integrated individual and requires no limited man-made information from without. The Right Knowledge for living a balanced, harmonious and fulfilled life is forever trying to make Itself known to us by many ways - in the language of symbol, experience and feeling. Our rightful place in Nature is to be At-One with All Life. Our thoughts and actions should be pure, unselfish and geared to learning to live aright, to be in harmony with our fellows and we should discover how to be of service rather than a draw-back to ourselves and others.

The Universe is ruled by Laws precise and operating whether we are aware of them or not, and when we work against these laws we bring about our own undoing. Ignorance, to Nature, is no excuse and, as we have had examples recently of sudden disasters in various parts of the world, this shows the slow and steady outworking of the mental poisons spread abroad by human selfishness, refusal to follow moral tendencies and a thorough dislike of a disciplined and ordered life. Even

though mankind still seeks other reasons, such as bad circumstances, ignorance, outside causes, they cannot free him from the Law. The sooner humanity awakens to its rightful place in the affairs on this planet the sooner will conditions balance themselves and order be experienced. To learn that, in Truth, devoid of all excuses, ALL unpleasant conditions: disease, famine and unfulfilment, are the effects of wrong living is a hard lesson indeed - but the great Teachers have tried to tell us this all along.

Do not fall for all the reasons of the worldly philosophies and sciences. Remain firm in the Knowledge that the Perfect Pattern for Living is already written in every heart. Let us look within ourselves to discover the real glory of nature's love and wisdom within us. Let us awaken to the truth that we are the instruments of an all wise, all knowing Intelligence which knows what It is about and what It is fulfilling in the life of every individual. Let us quit being stupid and self-centred and discover that we can experience a life of beautiful conditions; a life of complete fulfilment with greatly reduced risks of disease and other unpleasant circumstances. If this were not possible then we might as well see the absolute uselessness of life or of our purpose here. Even organised religion in its dogmatic state points to perfection, points to a perfect life, points to the day when mankind will overcome. The unfortunate thing is that it will not allow people to free themselves from ideas only and therefore acts as bands around one's feet. To be really free, we should work towards the practical application of true ideas and bring them into realities. "Truth" is of no use if it remains simply an ideal or an abstract conception. The very fact of the possibility of seeing a perfect world opens the way to realise and experience it also.

The Sanctuary of the Gnosis

INNER SANCTUARY TEACHINGS

THE QUEST FOR TRUTH (3)

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Whilst our goal is to grow beyond the need of religion and similar systems, as humans, we often find times when Reality seems obscure. One should not be dismayed during these periods because the human focal point is linked to all forms in nature and one becomes aware of how the "lower" forms of life can suffer at the hands of human ignorance.

For this reason the Sanctuary maintains a rigorous training system for those wishing to take up a Priesthood wherein they can feel in tune with all beings and act as a catalyst in preventing trouble or in encouraging higher pursuits. Priesthood in the Sanctuary can be a rewarding experience. We maintain the 'orthodox' view of the 'Apostolic Succession' although to us this is a turn over of the ancient Right of Succession wherein authority to teach is passed on from teacher to teacher. Also we regularly hold a Communion Service but our ethos or meaning is different from the institutionalised organisations. Our Christ is the Mythical one which was known way back in ancient Egypt, as respecting the western tradition, it culminated in the Inner Wisdom or Gnosis in the Greek and Egyptian Schools around 600 BC. Historians and theologians are aware of the fact that what is called 'Christianity' today is far removed from that practised by the Ekklesia in the early centuries A.D. Such literature as found in The Dead Sea Scrolls and The Nag Hammadi Library prove this. The early fathers also had an interest in the Hermetic philosophies.

The True Christian Gnosis is really a synthesis of the present and most reliable and practical teaching collated around the early pre-Christian centuries and early Christian era and it was not until the Emperor Constantine, in the 4th Century AD, demanded full political power without any kind of opposition, and with coniving Bishops, assumed absolute authority for the souls of man that the Light began to fade. The truly enlightened teachers, their lives at risk, then went underground to maintain and carry on the work of the Cosmic Hierarchy; Spiritual Truths cannot be legislated.

The True Priesthood is the right of every man and woman, for through right living and self-purification the human body becomes tuned to the Reality Itself and the person is able to function under the correct energies, free from illusion and therefore one becomes a priest within his, or her, own temple and does not need the teachings channelled through secondary sources.

We are able, in some degree, to understand the 'Incomprehensible' by Its functioning out here in visible manifestation. The outer manifestation of 'God' or 'First Cause' was called the Pleroma, a Greek word meaning the 'fulness of everything'. In its deeper meaning it refers to the fact that the 'Fulness' is present in every aspect of visible and invisible Creation. Paul says, "In Him (the Christ Consciousness) dwells all the fulness (Pleroma) of the Godhead bodily". This admits that this 'God' cannot be away from Its own Creation - but rather is very much at one with it. Therefore it matters not who or what we are as everyone has equal access to the Parent within. Institutionalised Christianity forgets this fact when it is under the belief that the other religions have to be replaced by theirs.

As we have mentioned before that meditations, ceremonies of the Eucharist are here for our help, our stepping stones to maturity and when we reach our goal we no longer need these because we become 'God-guided' from within.

In the higher priesthood we come to learn that the Christos-myth is continually being played out in the bodily temple because every cell, organ and part in the spiritual anatomy of this body is the expression of one or other cosmic energy being manifest at our level. In very truth the whole body is a compound of the harmonious energy substances existing throughout the Universe. Being initiated into this knowledge enables the priest to discipline his, or her, own personal errors and to reach out into the farther unknown resources which lie potentially within every person.

The only way in which the higher Cosmic Energies can be experienced is by purifying the mind which means that we need to halt the process of thinking like a mortal being and to programme our minds in the direction of Wholeness, Harmony and Perfection. To still hang on to our human weaknesses and to make excuses for ourselves defeats the growth to awareness.

The Cosmic Creator or Manifestation is THE Intelligence Itself and in spite of all the attempts to stifle the Truth by organised religions, philosophies and psuedo-esoteric groups this Intelligence maintains Its Channels for the maintenance of the Truth of Reality in every age. It presents its channels in each generation and successive teachers are guided to adapt the material to suit the needs of the students in every age.

The false vestiges of truth will fade away and that which can never be destroyed will be revealed. Mankind will cease hood-winking itself and as the human race matures into perfect manhood and womanhood the Truth as It is, as It has been and It always will remain will blossom forth as the

first shoots in spring-time and brotherhood and peace will be experienced on Earth. This precious Truth is maintained and protected by this Sanctuary which acts as the direct instrument for the great Hierarchy of Beings who live to act as channels for the Great Love and Wisdom of the Universe and who also maintain a bridge over which the Secrets of Life are preserved and taught to those who have the courage to stand naked in the Light of Truth.

Our Sanctuary has stood the tests of time and stands as the centre for personal divine illumination in these islands for the Light of Truth is not to be located in any temple built with hands or any assumed 'sacred' grove or geographical spot but it is there to be awakened in the Heart of every being.

Through the centuries groping mankind has believed that the "Word of God" can be crystallised into the form of a sacred book and from this concept has sprung many wars and suppositions about the real nature of the Universe. The enlightened person no longer needs books from which he, or she, gather sustenance. Everything in the world of effects takes on a new perspective and the beauty of nature is enjoyed and books, art and music become things in which we find new fields of harmony and a means whereby we help our fellow creatures.

The nature of the Universal Mind is pure Agapé or a quality which transcends all human efforts to describe or experience it accurately. It is the life and Power in which we 'live, move and have our being' - the Life within which transcends all other forces within the Cosmos. It is the power which moves the mighty quasars, the pulsars, galaxies and great suns of all descriptions and we as tiny beings on this planet are linked by the chains of atoms which, by the very fact of unity gives us an affinity with the remotest star. To positively meditate on this fact helps us to free ourselves from the mortality in which we appear to be locked. In our work to cosmic liberation we need to look beyond the human foibles which we invent to preserve our own little world of transient dreams. In our growing up we awaken to the Glory of the Life of which we are a part.

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Because we have explained what happened in the past regarding the history of the Gnostic Church since the Council of Nicea, we should cease to carry with us a "middle age" mentality and look forward to the New Cycle.

Resentments and prejudice act as barriers to Truth. The Master taught us to "Love our Enemies" and in the light of the true Gnosis we really have no enemies. Our misguided brothers and sisters are under the Law and they receive the effects of their own ignorance. Knowing how terrible this can be at times it behoves us to exercise compassion and be ever ready to help: because we are all part of one organism and the compassionate ones function as anti-bodies in a sick community.

Being followers of the Gnosis our spiritual faculties are purified and we see more clearly the errors of mankind. This can seemingly add to the difficulties in helping people. However, we should take it as a challenge to exercise our discipline more vigorously therefore increasing our capacity for Love. If we succeed in the difficult task of maintaining the right balance we appear to be rewarded with further hard work. This is logical because, even in the secular society, the capable ones carry the weak. In a society over-charged with mass mental poison it is those who remain purified and apart (the Ekklesia) that help to stem the calamity of many greater happenings which threaten the human family as a whole. The Perfect Ones act as Mediators or Saviours in that sense - this then is part of the inner teachings.

There are still deeper aspects of the Mysteries which cannot be explained owing to the delicate nature of the subjects and how the disciples are individually affected by them. This is why we now take students on a "one to one" basis which enables us to tackle the barriers of each person separately.

To help ourself towards the kind of harmony that we have mentioned we need to enter into a discipline for living and stay with it until we gain spiritual freedom. The way recommended by all the teachers is to programme the thought and idea world with the material required to build according to the Perfect Archetype.

We need to accept the fact that the Universal Mind - call it God if you wish - is in all ways Whole and Perfect to infinitude and is manifesting Its Complete and Whole Nature in every way throughout space and through that which appears to us as matter and form. The Universal Mind expresses Itself as Pure and Perfect Love (Agapé) and can never fail in Its own outworking for the good of every individual and the Cosmos as a whole. Because It is the only REAL Presence - all that which appears to be opposite to that Divine Nature is the illusion experienced by the individual through persistently living and acting in accordance with one's

own perceptions and suppositions. Our own concepts, opinions and hypotheses have no effect on the Cosmic Mind nor can we influence It in anyway from what It IS in Reality and Truth.

With this in mind we then ACCEPT this Truth and act in accordance with the Divine Law of Perfect Love and Justice. To maintain ABSOLUTE reliance along these lines leads to the eventual experience of the outworking of the Power Within. Persistence and perseverance result in the final breakthrough to freedom from those experiences which 'bug' us and cause us concern: illusions fade away, which proves the illusions to be illusions, and that which is Real and True is revealed and realised; we become effective instruments or vehicles for the All-Present Reality to reveal Itself in our lives; and we arrive at the awareness of our Oneness with all Life. Never seek to POSSESS Divine Realities - they are there and need only to be witnessed.

The Law is that "we reap what we sow"; or every effect has a cause, either in the Reality or in the illusion. Knowing this we should be wise in using the "materials" for the temple which are in harmony with the finished structure. We cannot build a Perfect structure with bits of resentment, possessiveness, immoral actions and self-indulgence. Because the Whole and Perfect State is absolutely pure and devoid of any mortal concepts we cannot reach a transcendant state if we are in the least "polluted".

The Head of our Order, having had to reach this point in the Discipline, can see all the barriers in the mind of the candidate and therefore is in position to help to overcome all faults. The teacher's aim is to free the disciple from the need of the teacher and to pass him, or her, further on the path of spiritual evolution. The student has the choice then of becoming a teacher or to journey on to wider fields.


There are some students who still believe that all they have to do is to keep their minds 'free' by their thoughts and by periodic meditation on the perfect and whole. This has proved ineffective and they ask why nothing seems to change or improve. We should not be ignorant of the fact that our thought-world needs to be carried out into our actions and relationships with our fellows. It is no use trying to see others as 'Children of God' and at the same time reacting to their errors and condemning or criticising their actions. We need to stop judging and act towards them as beloved friends or relations. We cannot change others but some students try to change others by 'metaphysical' or 'spiritual' means. Unless we, ourselves, are changed, we are in no position to even attempt to help others. Jesus said, "Physician heal thyself": a statement which is loaded with a depth of Truth.

Most groups these days, and we say this from experience and observation, such as many different groups of freemasonry and institutionalised religion, lack the ancient discipline. This discipline is the discipline of self purification which exists in

the true "mystery" or "esoteric" schools. It is a system which has also been passed down by the succession of teachers, hierophants and archons initiated into the real mysteries of life.

One can find reference to this ancient discipline mentioned by writers who have tried to get information about how the mystery orders operated. Gerald Massey, a prolific writer on the origins of present day beliefs, refers to this as the "Discipline of the Secret"; a Jesuit writer refers to this as the "Disciplina Arcani"; other mystics also refer to this system in similar terms. The Duc de Palatine, an Initiate of many esoteric orders, wrote about this discipline and incorporated the necessity for such a discipline in the new movements he founded. Such teachings are now synthesised within the work and teachings of The Sanctuary of the Gnosis in its different sections: The New Church Universal and The Order of the Holy Pleroma. Several students of the mysteries object to such a discipline but without it one cannot hope to reach "Christhood Perfection" or Bodhisattvaship, or whatever, without it and it is owing to this objection that they never do. We cannot expect to simply go along listening to lectures, involving ourselves in ceremonies, rituals and meditations forever without the thought of "graduating"; when the pressures of responsibility come heavy, the hangers-on depart and complain that this is not what they have been seeking.

To be a true Initiate means a "heavy" responsibility for ones own actions and a capacity for being self-motivated in this work without needing to be cajoled or enticed with "carrots" along the way. Being an Initiate means being a "self-reliant" and fully integrated person and free from all hang-ups which 'bug' the average person. Knowing this, how does one face up to the challenge. There are beings on this planet, on this level, whose knowledge and actions would put all our present human spiritual, social and scientific knowledge into the kindergarten by comparison. These people are living examples of the Discipline we have mentioned and they recognise us only by the disciplines in life which we follow.

 All this might seem tough talk but if you honestly desire to reach 'spiritual heights' then they do not come by academic means, the intellect is a barrier. By absorbing too much academic knowledge we tend to rationalise and reason from the standpoint of "worldly" hypotheses. The Inner Truth is not perceived by any phase of the human level of consciousness, therefore we need to side-step the claims of the sentient world to understand the Eternal.

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The best way to achieve results in realising and experiencing the harmony of nature is firstly, to avoid preconceiving or trying to imagine, that is making mental images, to help oneself. Many students waste valuable time in attempting the impossible. By the impossible we mean that the conscious level of mind's function cannot see the correct state of the Universal Wholeness. Human image-making prevents one from knowing the Truth because it is continually viewing and assessing the "effects" end of the process.

Because we really wish to experience the Reality of Life we should be prepared, at any cost to one's own pride or fear of one's little world being shattered, to learn and accept the Truth. This Truth turns out to be entirely different to one's concept of It.

Starting from what the great teachers have told us about the nature of Reality we need to accept this and then slowly erase the barriers to the experience of It. One can help one's self by contemplating the Reality of the All-Presence: that Life which is forever in activity in spite of all that appears outwardly and whatever all people think or suppose exists.

The first Law of the Universe is Harmony and, because the harmony, wholeness and Love is already there to be experienced we can be absolutely sure of finding It. We can never experience that which does not exist. This statement raises the problem of experiencing pain and suffering. In fact this happens only in the human phase of mind which possesses the faculty of CHOICE and, according to one's actions and reactions to life's outworkings we produce our own experience of what is being played out at the time. For example, you might react to what you thought was somebody's attitude to you - they appeared to be unpleasant to you and you then created your own image of them; you might resent someone else's success or power over you; you could even be thoughtless in dominating others and exploiting others for your own ends; or you may be jealous of your "loved one" and place them in your own mental "straight jacket". All these attitudes are the "seeds" which sprout and grow into unpleasant conditions like, disease, fear and instability. Whereas if you encourage harmony between people and help others to be happy without fear or thought for yourself you see the results (or fruits) as pleasant and joyful. There is nothing mysterious or fantastic about this, it is the way things

are. This indicates that the mode of outworking is the same whether we make trouble for ourselves or create happiness for ourselves. In spite of all efforts by some religionists to refute this it can be proved to be the True.

There is a misunderstanding that Gnostics teach that the world is evil. Even some Christians react to us on this point: but this is not what we are saying. St Paul in the New Testament warns about following "the ways of the world", its philosophies and the traditions of men: one has only to look out in the world, the media, its politics, its money-seeking systems to have some idea of what we are talking about. The "world" is NOT evil: it is "evil" which we see and experience by way of what we project into it. Jesus taught that we can have life differently, not in some heaven after "death", but here on earth by changing our lifestyles and motives. To experience the harmony and peace described by Jesus in this seemingly "evil" world we need to go through a completely new programming and to adapt our thinking and actions to a condition which would appear alien to those following after their "worldly" concepts. It is this lack of self-discipline which is the "ignorance of the Law" and which results in the "evil" we see in the world. This is a basic principle but appears difficult and "advanced" to those who do not dare to approach the change.

Therefore, whatever religion or philosophical system one follows, The Truth, AS IT IS, must remain; and the "Way" or "Path" of understanding, must also remain the same in spite of the myriads of systems set up to follow the Precepts of the Teachers. Some Christians are under the illusion that their religion is the only one teaching the Truth: 'because Jesus was the Son of God, there can be no other, and therefore since God sent His Son there can be no other religion'. This implies Supreme Authority, as it were, straight from the horse's mouth - all others are pagan or heretical. The same attitude persists in Judaism and Islam. It is this dogmatic ignorance which leads to war and mistrust between the nations. Fascism has been borne out of the Christian faith because of the dogmatic interpretation of its own scriptures - not realising that it was only human beings who wrote the books in the first place.

To sweep away all this nonsense is the task of the enlightened beings amongst us. We need to learn that we are all one human family, to trust each other and respect each other's approach to finding the true light and guidance from within. Life can, and should be a happy and harmonious experience because that is its nature from source. We reap the fruits of our own labours - hence we each have our own experience of the "world". Jesus taught that "whatever measure you meet life it will be measured unto you again" and "whatever you sow, that shall you also reap": there

cannot be any better or more precise description of life's outworking than this, yet in spite of this many seek to avoid these truths and invent their own reasons for life's happenings and try to find ways round the situation. However, because all effects out there in the world, appearing good or bad to the senses, are transient, being subject to change, it is only when we root our life in harmony with that which is the Eternal Reality that we can KNOW inwardly what are the truly harmonious and whole principles of Being. Learn to have perfect assurance in the true nature of the Reality, which is Divine Love and its own intrinsic harmony will infiltrate into one's world of effects.

Let us share our thoughts with St Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8: "Who shall (or even can) separate us from the Love of Christ (Divine Love - Agapé). Shall tribulations, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" We can also include our own illusions, own suppositions, false concepts, our own blindness and ignorance, nay all these are overcome by patience and discipline. Even though Love seems far away it is impossible for It to be so. Let us now be also persuaded that neither the illusion of death or even life - nor angels, archangels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor anything in the past or in the future nor political powers, health services, magicians, astrologers, hierophants, archons, priests nor anything which appears in the objective world. Nothing can separate us - for in this substance "we live move and have our being". "Love cannot fail", says St Paul for It is that Source which brought the Universe into being and maintains and governs it in justice, harmony and perfection. Throw in your lot with Divine Love and follow the discipline of the secret and your tribulations will vanish away as the darkness at sunrise. Consider all The Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11. Meditate often on this talk when doubt appears.

All the seemingly self-active energies of evil which appear in the world are the "devils" and dragons created by wilfully opposing the True Law. These "images of menace" tend to bother and torment us - but only if we feed them with the intentions of our own wilfulness. The Law is such that in the Christ/Bodhisattva we should not destroy anything but rather learn to see the usefulness of the "evil energy" purified and reformed - like a "wild creature" that is tamed and then becomes a friend.

Love is the only energy which can bring about a change of this nature and is proved by experience. When fear and mistrust is overcome by Love then one finds him or herself at one with all created life.

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Because the Gnosis is based upon the way things are, it must follow that all 'systems' or 'techniques' used in individual development must follow natural laws. These laws or modes were known by the priests of ancient Egypt, the Solar religions of South America and later by the "Gnostics" during the early Christian era. One can prove this by noting that the Hermetic Teachings were followed by the priests in the early church. There were two streams in the early church - the Jewish Christians which knew the Cabalistic meanings of the Torah and the 'Gentile' Church which followed the synthesised teachings of that day. In the New Testament accounts it is indicated that Jeshu was aware of the inner mysteries because he accused the lawyers of keeping them from the people; he also taught the public in parables but gave his disciples the straight teachings.

The fact that Jeshu very often stayed up 'praying', sometimes in the 'garden', indicates to Solar Initiates that he was associated with, and had knowledge of, the Solar Doctrines. We know that many of the ancient rituals were arranged to coincide with the periods of full Moon and this practice is still prevalent today. Because the Moon is associated with the Feminine aspects of Deity it could be said that whilst a strong Masculine front was kept up, the feminine influences were received during the full-moon festivals. Also, because of the lack of equilibrium in the male dominated orders they failed to know that a balanced teaching is contained in the Solar (Sun) area itself. Because the Inner Solar Mysteries are taught only to special pupils there is little known about them, neither can any books be obtained which deal with the subject, although some of the secrets are now being discovered by physicists and secret orders which have recently been formed.

Energy from the Sun, being the substance of which we are all made, can be directed within the human organism to step up human receptivity of higher frequency experiences.

In the Jeshu teachings we are informed that "the Light of the body is in the eye". It is through the eyes we take in Light waves in order to interpret the physical world but other parts of the body are also sensitive to this Light. Light is the carrier wave of all the other frequencies and as this was noticed by the 'ancients' they considered Light to be the Supreme Power. This is true inasmuch as without this Solar Energy we could not exist.

Thus we have a Light which gives a world of outward experiences of the Cause of the outer worlds. Actually it is one and the same Light but as it appears to function in two different ways, pulses and waves, it really is the One expressing Itself in its dual nature. Unless we can understand the Dual Nature correctly we will fall short in overcoming our difficulties. Learning to understand the Dual Nature of the Life Energy has proved difficult to some of our students whose thinking has been programmed by a

masculine dominated society and a false impression of femininity has been accepted.

Femininity is interpreted by its Source function of Wisdom. The Holy Spirit in the Hebrew Mystery Religion was considered the feminine force and in the majority of mystery religions Sophia was considered dominant.

If one reads the Song of Solomon in the Old Testament and in the Apocrypha the importance given to Wisdom is prevelant. Thus Love being Male, as we explain in detail by demonstration, Wisdom is definitely female and if one lacks a balance of the two, he or she, will run into crystallisations of human suppositions. The union of Love (Agapé) and Wisdom (Sophia) is the mystic marriage and final bonding in the higher mysteries and the ecstasy of the mystics and spiritual masters is found in the pure spiritual experience of Divine Intercourse - the two becoming one. This ultimate union would, firstly, appear as the Divine Androgyne which, with further merging, results as a complete synergy emanating two primary energies like a Sun. This knowledge constitutes the basic doctrines of the Solar Mysteries. The 'know how' or modus operandi of the "Way" is taught to persons who give up everything to receive this knowledge or Inner Gnosis. This knowledge is the same knowledge which was known by the priests of ancient Egypt, China, India and South America, not forgetting the primary mystery centres in Great Britain which have survived the "length of time" and are still in existence. To discover them one must have fulfilled the requirements in their daily living before they can discover the initiators. In truth the real Mystery Schools and Teachings have never been absent even though book researchers have been unable to trace them. It is because they are genuinely 'Hidden' they are known only to those who find them. This 'inner' knowledge became known as the Gnosis in the Mystery Schools and was also taught in the Spiritual Disciplines of the early church.

Because of the special nature of the True Gnosis it is not to be found by merely reading scriptures, performing religious rites or any other magical operation, meditation or any other pre-determined act. These indulgences help us to bring it into focus but do not affect it in any way. Because of its profound transcendental nature one needs to quieten all mortal ways of thinking to enable It to descend into Its own elements. The Boddhisattvas of the East are aware of this so they spend much time in calming the mind so that the "outer world" cannot prevent the experience of the One from taking place. One can see then that the rites and ceremonies of Masses, Eucharists, and humanly manipulated operations cannot give the experience of the Divine Reality - they only give the experience of the physical energies at the perimeter of the Divine Outworking.

The True Gnosis then is mainly concerned with the experience of the Divine Reality and this is attainable by both men and women

as It is not affected by either: It is beyond sexuality. One needs to pass beyond his or her sexuality to properly experience That which contains the All. Also, because of the Universality or Cosmic Nature of the Gnosis, one can use the symbols of any of the world religions to define it. There is only One Truth and only One Reality no matter in what religion, group or school it is taught and there is one way alone in which it can be understood. The way to It transcends all religions and groups. The beauty of all this explanation is that at the end of all our describing and explanations the truth is that the Divine Reality can be experienced by those who tread the hard way to becoming one with It. It is because of this fact that the great teachers made great sacrifices to lead the way for others.

Because of the naturalness of the inner teachings it is better to go out and commune with nature actual than to sit and visualise it in the mind only. The real essence is in the things themselves.

When the Gnosis is understood and practiced through only one religious system it becomes an outer form of Gnosis or a Gnosis gleaned through one avenue with its appended practices. For example, in the 'Christian Gnosis' those following this discipline tend to become fixed on their own techniques, that the followers assume that the central act of the Mass or Eucharist is the only valid method of "invoking Christ". As long as they believe this they will be limited to their own programming. The 'Inner' or True Gnosis is gained when one achieves complete 'God guidance' by total submission to the Christ Light within and remains intact and non-reliant on external religious practices, a complete and free 'Child of God'. What we have indicated is that there can be an error in considering it to be the true way if one simply follows the outward form of the Gnostic teachings - that is by enacting 'gnostic' rituals and reading 'gnostic' scriptures or literature - this does not constitute true knowledge. True Gnosis begins when we bring the teachings to bear on the final submission to the requirements of purity and in transcending the distracting faculties of the human phase of mind: the process of overcoming the lower psychic and physical desires of the ego. Like any other form of spiritual quest, the letter of the gnosis is not the Gnosis.

The word "channelling" is a term now used widely within the New Age teachings because the method appears quite respectable and of some importance, however it still indicates some kind of 'mediumship' or 'being a channel' for some recognisable entity which has not yet overcome the desire for presenting the Light at a personality level. The whole activity is based upon the assumption that some of the characters actually exist. We can prove to our students that much of this 'channelling' is based totally on the desire for an 'ego trip' and there is too much importance given to the personalities, of both 'channel' and the entity being 'channelled'. Our advice to students is to avoid such practices. One can gain inspired knowledge or information direct from source and in no way is a secondary party considered valid.

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By now the student of the Gnosis should be awakening to the fact that the Gnosis, or Inner Knowledge, is not in the words or lectures themselves. The truth of the matter is in the realisation of the futility of knowing facts, and in being a natural and self-expressive individual: the Gnosis is not in the knowing about it but, as has frequently been pointed out, is in the living it out in everything we do.

Furthermore, in presenting a "new" approach to Priesthood we present the idea of every person as a priest in their own right and the Church, Ekklesia or Order then becomes a fellowship wherein people can meet and share their interests; in fact the Real Truth has nothing to do with religion or any other system.

Everyone who is engaged in the enlightenment of humanity is a priest - whether or not they have been through an act of ordination. The True Priest is the one who follows the Way of Truth as it IS.

The dictionary describes a priest as "a person ordained to act as a mediator between God and man, to administer the sacraments, etc". From the point of view of the Inner Knowledge all people are, because they are here, mediators between that which is called "God" and mankind which is a whole and complete organism within the Cosmic frame of reference.

The teaching is that people are the Cosmic Mind at this level. Gnosis includes all the terminologies used to dispense the teachings based upon Cosmic Truths to mankind. We should not run away with the idea that the word, or term, 'gnosis' is the only word used to denote the 'teaching'. We even need to consider the possibility of the non-existence of a God.

We study together to enlighten ourselves on these matters and as a disciple or a teacher we maintain the knowledge of Cosmic Truths bodily for our own personal spiritual awareness. We are then in position to help others discover their own contact with the Divinity within. As long as we leave others free to be free then we discover our own freedom. Any attribute is gained as we allow it to function within ourself. It is no use praying for love and understanding if we do not allow them to emanate as they move within us - we cannot immediately come into possession of any spiritual attribute without the practice of doing it.

We can only have what we are - or as Jesus puts it, "as a man thinketh in his heart, that he already is", and he also pointed out that we reap only what we sow. This works both ways - for good or ill.

Priesthood is not, as they say, "sexist" because it does not relate to any gender; neither can it. The idea of a masculine dominated priesthood without the feminine influence gives only an unbalanced experience of the calling.

There are records that Lady Abbesses existed in the early church in Britain and one such lady, St Bride, is reported to have trained 5 Bishops. This indicates that her spiritual qualities were, we would say, equal to that of a Bishop. The consecration of a Lady Abbess is equivalent to that of a Bishop. Also, who are men to say that the Divine Parent gives more blessings to men than women? The teaching given that the Christ Consciousness is accessible more through a man than a woman shows an ignorance of spiritual law. The fact that it is the blood of the mother that one receives at birth should cause one to ponder on the question - Whence the blood of Christ?

Another interesting fact that the Gospels record is that Mary Magdalene was the first person to whom Jesus proved his resurrection or state of rising above human "weakness". Initiate Priests will see here the allegory that without delicately balancing his feminine quality he could not have achieved resurrection. Neither can the "Ascension" be achieved without the fusion of masculine and feminine Cosmic energies. These energies are naturally within both genders in the whole of humanity.

The difference between a dedicated priest and the people at large is that a priest's life is devoted entirely to the study of the nature of the Universal Mind, God, and how best the greater awareness of It can be achieved; whereas the person engaged in a casual interest grows mainly by trial and error. The Priest, however, is taught the 'dangers' of following erroneous fields of pursuit and how the 'mortal' area of consciousness is apt to misinterpret the Myths and guidelines for personal emancipation.

In practice there are two types of people: those who are not aware of their spiritual nature and those whose life is devoted to seeking to understand what is true about life. The first type are the worldly ones who seek after the things which lead to material comfort for the satisfaction of basic desires and they also react to any suggestion of change. Then there are those who seek to find how they can become mature people and be of service within the natural scheme of things. Jesus called the first type the 'dead' or

'asleep' and the others the 'awakened' or 'elect'. We should always bear in mind that the two types follow entirely different standards and there is no compromise between the two. The first type follow after the transient and illusory forms and the awakened follow after that which is real and permanent.

Religion when understood correctly should provide the right guidance to help those awakening from their sleep, or death, into the real and permanent state. However, when a religion becomes crystallised it remains in the illusion itself and is in no position to provide genuine help. Religion should act as the door to Reality but how often does this remain closed because of the failure to understand Cosmic Laws?

To help ourselves over the barrier of our animal nature to enflame the Divine Spark within us, we need to discipline ourselves in such a way that we do not react or respond to stimuli from outside of ourselves. We need to control our feelings so that we do not violently react to the ideas and conditions which at present hold us in bondage. A complete change of values and living philosophy needs to be brought into being before we can become free. The laws within materialism hold no validity in the realm of Spirit or Divine Mind so we can no more seek to possess wealth, people or things. We can no more follow after pursuits which satisfy our own personal desires, neither can we make a pact with God or 'fix it' through priests or teachers. The Laws of the Cosmos appear completely alien to the rules existing in a materialistic society and we therefore have to become purified on the Cosmic Law's terms and not on ours.

We need to learn that the world of Reality is what It Is and in this world all is perfect harmony. All Life exists in a state of Perfection and Harmony and is At One with the Source of all Being. The only way to know this is to accept this Truth and live at one with It. No matter what one does one cannot change It - it is ourselves who need to change. Meditate on the fact that you now live in a Perfect State. Nothing can die, change or be affected in any way because there are no opposite forces in existence to influence a change. We deal with energies and forces and not in things and personalities. Once you get hooked on personality or things you are back in the illusion. This rule applies also in the attachment to the teacher or elder brother and sister. It is only in becoming free that you can learn the lesson of Compassion.

Try to remember always that everything you see out there in the world of effects, in HUMAN OUTWORKING, the joys, pains, institutions, healing and social systems, the media and the legion of social standards are all the projections of the human images of life. The mass of humanity is concerned

with possession, sexuality, politics and what they are getting out of it all and thus the effects reflect their desires.

Then there are the few who can see through all the false and illusory standards and try to bring order and harmony into their lives. This can be achieved by living and acting in accordance with a philosophy or teaching which is entirely opposed to the worldly philosophies and standards which are accepted by those who benefit by exploitation of these materialistic standards. It is to the few that the inner secrets of life are revealed.

The Priesthood within the Hidden Church of the Illuminati is totally different from the priesthood existing in the institutionalised religions owing to the fact that these religions have created dogmas and practices which cannot be proved by a careful study of the Scriptures they follow. Therefore the teachings of the Inner Priesthood remain esoteric, as they always have been.

An American researcher wrote to us a short time ago explaining that the Degree Rituals of the Order of the Illuminati had come into his possession but he could not trace the higher three degrees. We explained that the reason for his failure is that John Yarker Jnr did not pass them, and neither would he pass them, on to the existing Masonic Lodges because they had changed the details of the true mythos to the legend of Hiram Abiff.

Furthermore, the higher degrees are only to be found in the Inner Priesthood thereby perpetuating the traditions that the Real Mysteries are always in the hands of a valid Priesthood - as in Ancient Egypt, Greece and amongst most of the more primitive Shaman priests. Exoterically the three degrees of Priesthood are shown as Deacon, Priest and Bishop - the Bishop acting as Hierophant.

For further information see:

The Hidden Church of the Illuminati
The Paradigm of Priesthood